#### **Renton Library Advisory Board**





# Meeting Minutes Renton City Hall Council Conference Room, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor August 15, 5:30 p.m.

# I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Laurie Beden called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

#### In Attendance

Members: Laurie Beden, Lynne King, Erica Richey, Suzi Ure

City of Renton Staff: Terry Higashiyama, Peter Renner, Diane Wagner

KCLS Staff: Angelina Benedetti

# **Excused**

Member: Catherine Ploue-Smith

### **Special Guest**

Mayor Denis Law

# II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Suzi Ure, seconded by Erica Richey, to amend the agenda so Mayor Law could speak at the beginning of the meeting. All were in favor, motion carried, amended agenda approved.

#### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Suzi Ure made a motion, seconded by Erica Richey, to approve the June minutes as written. All were in favor, motion carried, minutes approved.

#### IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

# V. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Mayor Law, and the group, welcomed Lynne King to the Board. Lynne shared a bit about herself including her educational and organizational background. Welcome Lynne.

Mayor Law spoke to the Board about the recent Library vote and stated that conversations have started with KCLS regarding design and construction for the Library over the river. He said there could possibly be delays dues to permitting and hopes that does not add additional costs. Permitting delays can raise the costs of materials and he said the sooner the project gets off the ground, the better. He is excited to move forward as well is the Board.

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Mayor Law said he occasionally visits the Library and is always surprised how many people use the computers and knows demand in use up. He knows there are a lot of library services available and he is amazed with the great service and work the staff provides.

#### VI. <u>CITY REPORT/ Peter Renner</u>

Peter is working with KCLS as there are a few circumstances to get though. Delivering library services is most important

The next process will be working with the schedules. There is a meeting scheduled for next week for the Highlands Library. The Developer will proceed with fine-tuning their numbers. Council passed a credit extension for construction in Highlands. Renton Housing Authority has been doing great job tracking HUD and rest of project.

#### VII. KCLS REPORT/ANGELINA BENEDETTI

Angelina discussed different summer programs and outreach activities. She mentioned some highlights including the Renton Farmer's Markets. They have made seven trips with 640 total contacts (an average of approximately 100 contacts per visit) and still have three visits to the Markets left. The Let's Read program visits included 12 sites for a total of 663 people contacted, 589 of them being children. They have also be participating in various community events such as the Benson Hill Elementary School Carnival, Renton Housing Authority Spring "Check-up", Return to Renton Car Show and there are two remaining events: Picnic Pizzazz at Liberty Park with Casper Babypants on August 22, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Puget Sound Annual Picnic on August 26.

Angelina talked about the Fairwood Library Construction Project. Progress continues on the library expansion planning process. The design development was recently completed and project architects are now working on permit documents. The process to expand the current library by 5,000 square feet is underway. The plan includes more materials, computers, wireless access and space for children and teens, self check stations, an automated material handling system, more study rooms, improved visibility, and expanded people space, with more tables and chairs. The Library will be closed for approximately one year during construction and a temporary location will be decided upon once closer to the construction start date.

The design process is underway for the new Skyway library. The first of two public meetings was held on August 1, allowing project architects to present preliminary designs and receive input from the community. The new 8,000 square foot Library will include more materials, computers, space for children and teens, and a community meeting room. The Highlands Library will have a temporary location during construction.



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# VIII. <u>DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS</u>

Future Design Meetings for Board Members/Assignments: Downtown = Catherine Ploue-Smith Highlands = Lynne King

#### IX. OLD BUISNESS

None.

# X. **NEW BUSINESS**

Friends of Renton Library meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month.

#### XI. <u>INFORMATION</u>

Terry Higashiyama commented that book donations are being accepted to place in City Hall on the third floor in the Courts waiting area for children and parents while they wait for their court appointment. Preschool to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade preferred.

Suzi advised she will not be at the September meeting due to scheduling conflict.

### XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Suzi Ure, seconded by Lynne King, to adjourn the August meeting. All were in favor, motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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# **NEXT REGULAR MEETINGS**

# **SEPTEMBER MEETING**

Wednesday, September 19, 2012, 5:30 p.m. Renton City Hall, Council Conference Room, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor *Telephone 425.430.6574* 



#### **OCTOBER MEETING**

Wednesday, October 17, 2012, 5:30 p.m. Renton City Hall, Council Conference Room, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor *Telephone 425.430.6574* 

